Plan of Doordarshan, 9 additional low power (100 W) TV transmitters were envisaged to be set up in Orissa under a CRASH PROGRAMME for extension of TV service in certain critical areas of the country. All the low power transmitters sanctioned under the CRASH PROGRAMME were commissioned into service during the Seventh Plan period itself.

(c) The detailed programme of Doordarshan in Orissa during the Eighth Plan period, would depend on the finalisation of the Plan by the Planning Commission.

Closure of old type telephone exchanges

151. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision to stop production of the spares for the old Telephone Exchanges;

(b) whether the old telephone exchanges are proposed to be declared obsolete; and

(c) if so, what steps have been taken by Government for their replacement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) All life expired electromechanical exchanges as on 1-4-90 and Manual Exchanges are planed to be replaced progressively during the 8th Plan period.

Violation of Rules by taxi/auto rickshaw drivers in Delhi

152. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Taxi/Auto Rickshaw drivers in Delhi stationed in front of hospitals, Railway Stations ISBT, I.P. Estate etc. (especially Taxi Stand owners) either refuse to go on meter, or agree on very high flat rates, if so, what steps have been taken by Government to make these Auto/Taxi drivers follow the rules; and

(b) whether the Delhi Police and the Transport Directorate have succeeded, in controlling these law-breakers; if so, the number of complaints received by these two authorities during the last three years and the number of persons who were prosecuted during this period?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) Delhi Administration has informed that certain complaints of overcharging, refusal etc. by Autorickshaw and Taxi drivers are received from time to time. Offenders are prosecuted and permits are suspended/cancelled.

(b) Total number of complaints received by the Directorate of Transport are as under:

Taxi	Autoricksnaw
73	121

During the last three years i.e. 1-8-87 to 31-7-90, 9 taxi drivers and 100 autorickshaw drivers were prosecuted u/s. 4.37(2E)/177 Motor Vehicles Act. Total number of complaints received by Delhi Traffic Police against taxi/autorickshaw drivers were 4480 in 1987, 5147 in 1988 and 4650 in 1989. The Delhi Traffic Police have been launching checking drives and imposing on-the-spot fines on the violators of rules. The violations dealt with through, both on-the-spot checking as also on complaints received were 8253 in 1987, 11810 in 1988 and 10901 in 1989.

Dissatisfaction among Engineering Staff of C-DOT

153. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some Engineering personnel have recently left C-DOT owing to dissatisfaction about the manner in which the institution is being managed;